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BOBARREN
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SUBJECT: Progress Report, BOFLAND/HYSTEIN

TO: Chief, FBIHQ
Frankfurt, a/M, Germany

In compliance with DTRAPID Station Memorandum #8.003, dated
11 December 1950, subject report is submitted attached hereto.

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1. PROJECT: BOFIEND, (IN HTSTEIN, only)

2. AUTHORIZED DURATION: Indefinite

3. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

[] Deputy Designate for HTSTEIN arrived from HTECUIO via LCDRINK in HTEKOTIC on 30 May 1951. [] Contract Agent at Training School, departed on leave of absence (from HTEKOTIC) o/a 22 May 1951. A Contract Agent arrived from ZRCROWN, where he was recruited by [] from a widow group, on 8 May 1951. He will be the W/T instructor. Two domestics, originating the same sources, arrived, respectively, late in the preceding period, and 8 May 1951. (No pseudonyms assigned above). The undersigned was on 4 days leave of absence ending 12 May 1951.

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

Period: 1-31 May 1951

a. Selection of trainees of 1951 had been begun in the preceding period. Early in the period under review, it became apparent that the selection, made by [] in conjunction with the undersigned, had been incorrectly made. This is ascribed to the absence of a pertinent directive. Later, it was ascertained that such a directive emanating not from the Field Chief, BOFIEND but apparently from another Deputy, had been addressed to the undersigned in BCMIDDY, which is not his station, and had there remained filed for three weeks. Urgent request for a copy thereof produced same in one week; four weeks after the cable had been initiated.

In the meantime, the undersigned flew to TPCREDO on 18 May 1951 for conferences with [] Armed with the master list of 64 Parsons considered to be acceptable candidates for training, undersigned was able to furnish [] with information needed for the latter's discussions with TPNEIGH regarding the composition of the various training groups. After three days of conferences, the following agreements were reached:

- (1) 4 teams, of 4 members each, selected on the basis of specified geographical acquaintance, to constitute the first group;
- (2) 6 teams of 3 members each, same basis of selection, to constitute the second group;
- (3) 14 individuals, selected on the basis of mental alertness, to constitute the W/T training group, from which 6 were later to be detached (after their completion of training) and individually assigned to the teams of second group (above);

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(4) TPNEIGH accepted the results, in principle, of the assessment made at JBPARTSON. But the final selection was to be made by the JBPARTSON batman "officers" (so-called, by courtesy), although TPNEIGH wrote those a letter recommending that the selection made by the BQFIEND staff be weighed seriously. Incidentally, [] stated to the undersigned that several of TPNEIGH objected to the air-borne phase of BQFIEND as impracticable and risky. With the selected groups nominated to the apparent satisfaction of the principals, the undersigned proceeded by air and by train to HTEXOTIC. There, in meetings with [] and separately with [] and [] the lists were finally established. Incidentally, the cable sent to [] by the undersigned announcing his ETA TPCREDO was received on 21 May 1951, the last day of the conference, and four days after the cable had been initiated. In the same lot of received cables was a four-day old message from [] to the undersigned directing the meeting in HTEXOTIC; by fast work, the directive was executed despite the slowness of electric transmission (so-called).

b. The training staff was engaged in operating the training school, (administratively), for the dreamers there on W/T training. The dreamers were held there by lack of a suitable W/T site of their own. That, in turn, was delayed by lack of suitable domestics, a house having been available to QKSTAIR since early in the preceding period. At the close of the period, indications of an early break in the domestics log-jam were strong enough to give rise to hopes for an early resumption of scheduled activities of the training staff.

c. Close cooperation with [] of QKSTAIR, was maintained during the period.

d. [] was in HTEXOTIC on various matters connected with the training school and selection of batman therefor from 21 May to 25 May. He then returned []

e. The continued detention of a suspect batman, in a place of confinement controlled by KMCOCKY DTEIDER, became a matter of concern during the period. From the time of his incarceration (12/13 October 1950) to date, there have appeared no actionable grounds for the detention of the suspect. For comprehensible reasons, ZRDEPOT feels increasing concern for this highly illegal action, which was originally undertaken on personal representations only.

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Indications of a concrete basis for the suspicions were received from [] during the period. However, DTRAPID wrote KMCOCKY DTELDER (14 May 1951) that steps were being taken to secure an early and concomitant relief of the detention camp authorities for disposition of the said suspect. The letter was sent without prior discussion with the undersigned, but commits him notwithstanding. Repeated attempts by the undersigned to set up the interrogations of the suspect, felt to be indispensable, were blocked by various priority errands set for the undersigned by higher authority. As the period ended, the interrogation (which necessarily requires an interpreter) was firmly set up for an early date in June.

5. ACTION PENDING: a. Initiation of training of "first group" and "W/T group" will be effected early in June.
6. INDICATIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS: Nothing to report.
7. RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - a. Personnel required:
A clerk-typist at BOBARREN
Instructor (contract agent) on training staff, to fill vacancy soon to occur.
 - b. Organizational: A clarification of the line of command is urgent; something simple and comprehensible, such as is ordinary practice in ZRDEPOT, is recommended. The present chaotic organizational conditions hamper operations, and have made relations with ZRDEPOT and JBALERT difficult to maintain.

Communications are unsatisfactory. It is believed that four days are too many for a cable from FJLAUGH to LCDRINK (or reverse). A correction is recommended

c. It is recommended that the present cover, LCSASSY, for the training staff be discontinued. It has long since been initiated, from the standpoint of security. Its chief reason for continued existence would seem to be the embarrassment caused the HTCURIO training personnel, who feel they are low-caste people in HTSTEIN; essentially, HTSTEIN is a large military post, where civilians are only tolerated. ZRDEPOT cover would be preferable, both as to administrative practicability, and as to living conditions for personnel

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